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IN THE FIELD OF LABOR

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Another Attempt Will Be Made to Secure Electrical Workers' Convention for This City.

The election of John Mitchell to the presidency of the American Federation of Labor is being talked of among local labor organizers. Mr. Mitchell, by his successful generalship in the big Pennsylvania coal strike, has made many friends among the delegates to the Federation and his boom has been launched. Samuel Gompers, the present incumbent of the office, is said to be desirous of retiring if Mitchell will agree to succeed him.

In a conversation over the long-distance telephone last week Mr. Mitchell declared that he was not a candidate and did not care to discuss the probability of his selection as president. He denied that Mr. Gompers had suggested the succession of the office to him, but said he would not say whether he would refuse if the presidency were offered him.

The election will be held in New Orleans at the annual meeting of the Federation on Nov. 12. M. T. Butler is the delegate from the Central Labor Union of this city.

Electrical Workers' Convention.

The electrical workers of this city will make another effort to secure the international convention of the Electrical Workers' Union for Indianapolis next year. The choice of a convention city was left to a referendum vote and in this Indianapolis was defeated and Salt Lake City chosen. Some of the members of the local union are complaining that this place is too far west and that the delegates to the convention will be under too great an expense.

On the application of five of the general officers of the union another vote, or a reconsideration of the vote, can be ordered and if this number of names can be secured it will be done. In case of another vote the Indianapolis men will co-operate with the local civic societies in trying to induce other places to vote for Indianapolis by sending out letters and by the other methods generally used in such campaigns.

To Enforce Closing Rule.

The Retail Clerks' Union is trying to enforce the rules governing the closing of retail stores at 6 o'clock on week days and 10 o'clock on Saturday nights. Complaints are made about proprietors of some of the smaller stores, away from the main business district, staying open until late every night, and an effort will be made to stop the practice by placing a boycott on the stores. The clerks will try to persuade the proprietors of the stores that it is only justice to their employees and fair to themselves to close up if there is uniformity in the action of all of them.

Notes of Labor.

The Foundry Helpers' Union may be reorganized. When this union disbanded, some time ago, there were more than 20 members and it is thought that most of them can be induced to join a new organization, which is said to be badly needed.

Henry Slough, secretary of the Central Labor Union, who was recently appointed to a position in the Census Bureau, will spend three months in traveling for that department. During his absence his place will be filled by some one designated by President Feltman. Slough has not resigned and will continue in the office of secretary until the annual election of officers which is to be held soon.

A report of the committee designated at the last meeting of the Central Labor Union to investigate the difference between the United States Encaustic Tile Works and the union of the workers recently organized in that shop will probably be used at tomorrow night's meeting. The committee was instructed to look into the possibility of convicting the firm for violations of the labor law.

STATE OFFICERS' VOTE.

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should be with Fogarty's. On this basis the pluralities are as follows: Bamberger, 3,462; Minor, 3,539; Morgan, 3,514; Muir, 3,481; Stebbins, 3,891; Tarkington, 3,382; Wright, 3,374.

On this same basis the pluralities for judges of the Superior Court, to be elected November, 1902, are changed, and instead of running over a thousand votes behind Judge McMaster, Judge Leathers' plurality is only 513 less than that of his associate. McMaster's plurality over Brown, the Democratic candidate receiving the largest vote, is 3,290. Leathers' plurality over Brown is 2,577.

ENSLLEY AND KUHN.

Claims Made by the Two Candidates for County Treasurer.

The attorneys for August M. Kuhn, the defeated candidate for county treasurer, spent several hours in the office of the county clerk yesterday carefully scrutinizing the bags containing the ballots polled at Tuesday's election. On the outside of each bag the election officials make a notation of the number of ballots in the bag, the number counted, the number thrown out and the number protested, and the attorneys sought to discover if there were a sufficient number of uncounted and protested ballots in the whole county to warrant their instituting a contest for Mr. Kuhn.

When asked the result of the investigation James Gavin, the junior member of the firm of Gavin & Davis, declined to give any information. He said he had looked over all the ballot bags and had discovered that there were a number of protested ballots. The exact number he would not reveal.

Upon the result of the investigation along this and other lines, Mr. Gavin said, will depend whether a contest will be instituted by Mr. Kuhn. "We shall not rush into the courts," he said, "unless we feel assured that we have a case. A contest of that sort is a serious proposition, and no action will be taken unadvisedly. We have ten days in which to file a notice of contest, and Mr. Kuhn's decision will probably not be reached for four or five days yet."

From Democratic sources it was reported that Mr. Kuhn's attorneys had found a record of something over four hundred protested ballots and that they feel that they might start a contest with reasonable hopes of success. The Democrats claim that the election boards rejected all doubtful ballots and that he should abide by the Republican election boards worked under instructions to count every doubtful Republican vote and to throw out every Democratic vote over which the least question could be raised. Under such circumstances, the Democrats say, it is not unreasonable to conclude that an impartial court would count a sufficient number of these ballots to wipe out the comparatively small plurality of Ensley.

On the other hand, the Republicans claim that the election boards rejected all doubtful ballots, and that if there is an investigation by the court the result will be that Ensley's total vote will be increased just as much as Kuhn's. Men unprejudiced by party bias say that Kuhn was beaten in a fair fight and that he should abide by the findings of the canvassing board.

Mr. Kuhn was asked last night if he had come to any conclusion in regard to a contest, and he replied: "My case is altogether in the hands of my attorneys. They are looking into the matter, but have come to no decision as yet."

An afternoon paper yesterday published what purported to be an interview with Mr. Kuhn, in which he said that he had determined to make no contest, but the

Democratic candidate said last night that he had authorized no such statement.

Treasurer-elect Ensley yesterday gave out the following statement:

"I desire to express to the people of Marion county my sincere appreciation of the great honor they have conferred upon me in electing me to the office of county treasurer. I appreciate this honor the more because of the bitter and relentless campaign that was waged against me personally. I fully realize that I owe this vote of confidence to the loyal Republicans who stood by me, and to each one of these I feel most deeply grateful."

"My plurality, though small, is clean and fair. And while I regret, of course, that I did not have the others on my ticket, I know that this was due alone to the fact that many Republicans have been misled concerning my character and motives. Toward those I cherish no resentment or ill-will, because I know that time will remove all misapprehensions concerning me, and by the time my term of office has expired I hope to make each one of them my friend."

"I have myself to do to conduct the office with which I have been honored as to justify the support and friendship of all those who so loyally and faithfully assisted me, and to satisfy the people of this county that they have not misplaced their confidence."

ELECTION RETURNS.

A Scheme Proposed That Would Insure More Prompt Service.

As an aftermath of the late election and the vexatious delays experienced in securing unofficial returns upon which to estimate the result, a number of suggestions have been made by both Republicans and Democrats looking toward measures to prevent such delays in the future. One Republican ward worker and precinct committee man of Indianapolis has a plan which he feels sure will accomplish all that is to be desired in the way of securing prompt and accurate returns for the party organizations within the shortest possible time after the closing of the polls.

The plan involves an amendment to the election law providing for two additional members of the precinct election boards. These two men shall represent the two dominant political parties and are to be sworn in and paid for their services just as the present members of the boards. It shall be their duty to enter the election boxes just as the polls are closed and to remain during the counting of the ballots. In the counting they are to take no part, but the moment the work is concluded they are to prepare two tally sheets exactly like the official sheets retained by the inspectors. These extra tally sheets are to be certified to by the members of the election board, and then it becomes the duty of the two men to see that the chairman of their respective party organizations receive the sheets without a minute's unnecessary delay. They shall be subject to fines for any delay deemed unreasonable.

This scheme would insure accurate returns to the party organizations and should guarantee promptness. Under the present system it is no one's specific duty to see that unofficial returns are made promptly to the party organizations. It is usually from twenty-four to thirty hours after the closing of the polls, and sometimes longer, before the chairman of the board, or the members of the election board, are always under instructions from their organizations to send in returns as soon as possible, but after serving on the board for an entire day receiving no vote, and then late into the night counting the returns, it is not unreasonable to conclude that they either forget their duty to their organization or become impatient where duty should be seen to them. Important detail would come to their work as soon as possible, and they could have no possible excuse for failing to do all that is required of them.

The plan has been suggested to a number of political workers and has met with unqualified approbation. One well-known Republican (A. A. Young) in commenting on it said: "The scheme is an excellent one and ought to be adopted, but there is one thing more that should be done—that is, change the election law so that the election boards can begin the counting of the vote at least two hours before the polls are closed. This system prevails in New York, and Indiana should not be behind the times."

In connection with this second suggestion it was pointed out that the New York

system entails two election boards, one to receive and the other to count the vote, and that this would double the expense of the election as held at present in this State.

The man who makes the suggestion for the two additional members of the board says that he has already conferred with members of the next Legislature in regard to an amendment of the election law, and that a bill embodying his idea will be introduced this winter.

The system would insure the compilation of complete and accurate unofficial returns in every county within an hour or two after the counting of the vote had been finished and then the entire State vote could be ascertained a few hours later by the state chairman.

In the Recorder's Office.

The recorder-elect of Marion county, Lew Shank, yesterday announced that he would reappoint Fred Akin second deputy in the office. Akin is the son of the present recorder and has been in the office four years. Mr. Shank has also announced that he will retain John S. Wright and one of the others of the present force, and that he has appointed Henry W. Schroer, of the Sixth Ward, and J. H. Hoss, of the First, to minor places in the office.

R. A. Brown's Cards.

R. A. Brown, who was on Tuesday re-elected clerk of the Supreme Court, was yesterday attending congratulations to his friends on the result of the election by sending out postal cards on which the single but expressive word "Shake" had been printed in large letters. He sent out several hundred of the cards to Republicans all over the State.

LEAVE FOR NEW ORLEANS.

Indiana Bankers will leave this afternoon on a special train for New Orleans to attend the twenty-eighth annual convention of the American Bankers' Association. The party will start from here over the Pennsylvania line, taking the L. & N. at Louisville. Those who will be in the party leaving here are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eitel and Miss Hattie Eitel, Indianapolis; Mord Carter and sister, Danville; J. A. De Hority and wife, Elwood; W. F. Hadley and wife, Mooresville; Jacob Wolverton and wife, South Bend; D. E. Snyder and wife, Plymouth; M. A. Dilts and wife, Winamac; W. L. Allman and wife, Crown Point; J. H. Wood and wife, Matthews; William F. Morris, Pendleton; John Perrin, Indianapolis; C. C. Church and wife, Muncie; W. W. Bonner and wife, Greensburg; W. W. McCleary and wife, Marion; Preston Hussey, Terre Haute; A. Levering, Lafayette; R. W. Sample, Lafayette; J. F. McCullough, New Albany; T. Baker, Indianapolis; C. G. White, Arcadia; A. Henking, Gallipolis, O.; A. M. Jacobs, Kendallville; A. G. Lupton, Hartford City; Charles L. Farrell, Indianapolis; Edward L. McKee, Indianapolis; W. G. Irwin, Columbus; J. V. Bright, Flora; H. C. Paul, Fort Wayne; J. J. Reibolt, Laurel; W. F. C. Golt, Indianapolis; J. E. Dunham, Russellville; Lon Clark, Indianapolis; E. D. Bush and wife, Indianapolis; W. H. Coonse and wife, Franklin; W. B. Dickey, Indianapolis; Preston Kelley and wife, Indianapolis; O. F. Frenzel, Indianapolis; George Cooper, Greenfield; H. P. Owen, New Harmony; W. M. Ford, Mount Vernon; J. M. Andrew, New Albany; W. H. Gardner and wife, Valparaiso; C. T. Lindsey, South Bend.

Death of Stephen D. Crane.

Word has been received of the death of Stephen D. Crane at his farm near Bloomington, Ind. His death was due to an accident on the farm some time ago in which he was injured. Mr. Crane was well known in Indianapolis, having been in the jewelry business here for more than twenty-five years. He was a member of the Masonic order and for many years a Scottish Rite Mason of this city. Many relatives live in this city, among them being J. C. Crane, a jeweler of the city. The funeral will be held in Indianapolis from the home of E. W. Crane, a brother, at 322 North Delaware street. The time of the funeral will not be set until the body is brought to Indianapolis.

MR. MANSFIELD'S BRUTUS

IN HIS PRODUCTION OF SHAKESPEARE'S "JULIUS CAESAR."

The Play Presented by a Finely Capable Company and with Elaborate Stage Settings at English's.

Marcus Brutus, the flower of anarchy—that is what this day gets if it gets any more value than incidental excitement and antiquarian interest from Shakespeare's tragedy of "Julius Caesar." The case was beautifully put by Richard Mansfield last evening at English's. His embodiment of Brutus moves in an atmosphere charged with his wild and fatal desire personally to materialize the fine dream of humanity's individual equality and dignity. On the day of the feast of Lupercal he stands back from the crowd that worships Caesar and regards the spectacle mournfully. Not sadness but disgust is the feeling inspired in the spectators that is possessed by the conspirators that is the spirit of despotism that they oppose; so little is it Caesar's body they would kill that it would be murder to destroy also Antony, who is but Caesar's image.

As Brutus is the only one of the conspirators that is possessed by the spiritual significance of what they do, it is only to him that the ghost of Caesar returns—Brutus, solely, is attacked by the insanity resultant from the ambition that would drive out Caesar's ambition.

The fond but terrible madness of Brutus is emphasized by the actor increasingly from the beginning of the play. At the vision of Caesar's ghostly return, his features writhe with lunatic agony and not merely with fear; and at the close he sits on a rock as on a throne, hardly impressed with the activity of the rout around him, gazing far off and voicing aloud involuntarily his wish for death at another's hand.

When he has pushed his own sword into his breast he now, the strange and ghastly expression of his distorted face, means so much that is intangibly horrible that the eulogy of Antony falls flat.

There are now constantly occurring phenomena of the nature of Brutus' pitiable hope, resolve and failure—the mistake of hurling the body into the inexorable progress of evolution as if by that weight to force the great consummation into reality into actuality. The present circumstances are very different. It is true, but the good that is in the Shakespeare presentation of "Julius Caesar." The colors of the scenes are mostly close he sits Brutus' garden, the camp near Sardis and the plain of Philippi are shown. Mr. Mansfield exploits his musical voice to its full and reads the dramatist's lines rhythmically. The lyric quality is taken, too, by the other players, and an orchestra of unusual extent is used to give the voices an accompaniment.

The company is at almost all points adequate, and Mr. Forrest, in Antony's oration, makes the part approach in importance Mr. Mansfield's interpretation of Brutus. The first-named actor has not the ability to express the fine calculations and the disturbances of the mind that is so much a factor in his principal's success, but he works out the dramatist's intention with great skill and force and has not that striking and a gracefully swaying body. Mr. Denny's biting irony as Cassius is more impressive than Mr. Johnston's intense but sometimes weak impersonation of Cassius. Generally, it is a production of a Shakespearean tragedy that during its performance fills the mind with the illusion of reality and spurs the intellect to analysis. The latter effect is the more profitable and the one that most actors, lacking Mr. Mansfield's vivid powers, do not produce. His Brutus must reveal to many persons the innumerable beauties that lie in the dreams of great souls. These are the things that it is the province of art to put into imagery of the present. Mr. Mansfield's conception of his work is not philosophical, but involuntarily, then, he helps to move the drama toward its goal.

FRANK FISHER'S BENEFIT.

Seats for the Performance Are at a Premium.

"Only a few left" is a stereotyped but true statement of the sale of seats for the benefit of Frank Fisher, the vaudeville actor, who has been in a precarious condition at St. Vincent's Hospital for three weeks. Fisher is now convalescing. He suffered from a peculiar hereditary malady which manifested itself with severe hemorrhages of the gums, and the loss of blood sustained during his illness nearly brought death. The misfortune came at a time when his circumstances were adverse, and the benefit was designed for the relief of himself and his wife, who, while he was ill, appeared regularly at the Grand Opera House. "Stinking breath" of the Opera House, she will assist at the benefit.

The announcement of the purpose to give a benefit revealed universal sympathy for Fisher and his wife. Many well-known men offered the premium for seats merited to aid the unfortunate husband and wife. Managers Ziegler and Anderson, of the Grand, generously donated the whole of the receipts, without a deduction of a penny, to the fund. The local lodge of Elks (Mr. Fisher being a member of the order) undertook the sale of the tickets, and last night there were but few unsold. Standing room will be at a premium Tuesday night from present appearances.

The Elks' committee has received offers from many of the local professionals to assist in the performance, but the generous act of Managers Ziegler and Anderson, in offering the entire Grand bill free, made it impossible to accept any.

CITY NEWS NOTES.

The evangelistic meetings in Hilsdale-avenue Christian Church are being well attended and will continue indefinitely.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Mayflower Church will meet on Friday afternoon, in the church parlors, at 2:30 o'clock.

A meeting of the Theodorian Club will be held this afternoon at St. John's Girl Academy. All former students of the academy have been invited to attend.

Mr. Fletcher, of Denver, a miner and dealer in mining stocks, is at the Spindler House. Mr. Fletcher is now ninety-eight years of age and is physically unimpaired.

When the officers of the Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church held an inventory yesterday of the year's offerings they found the box contained \$19 in pennies.

The national president of the Y. M. C. A. of San Francisco, Cal., will visit Indianapolis Tuesday and will be entertained by the local councils of that organization at St. Joseph's Hall with an informal entertainment, at which he will deliver an address in the evening.

The Indianapolis Musicians' Protective Association will give a concert and dance in Germania Hall this evening. The entertainment will begin at 8:30. The program includes vocal selections by J. K. Kiefer and numbers by the orchestra. Dancing will follow the entertainment.

The Indianapolis Street-railway Company has received two of the twenty-five new cars recently ordered. The cars were overhauled at the shop before being put into service. The others are expected soon, and when they arrive will be distributed over the lines of the city, most of them going to the lines which are badly in need of better rolling stock. The new cars are similar in construction to the last consignment of big cars, but not quite so long. Manager Jones, of the street-car company, promises that the workmen on the College-avenue tracks will have completed the changes on that line in a week if the weather remains favorable for work.

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